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Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Room TW-204B Washington, DC 20554

Subject Amateur Service: Elimination of the Morse Code Exam and Simplification of the Amateur Licensing Structure

Petition For Rule Making

- 1. I propose that the FCC simplify the Amateur Service license structure to have only two classes of license: General Class and Extra Class.
- The General Class would have one written test, but no Morse code test.
- 3. The Extra Class would require a 15 words per minute Morse code test in addition to the General Class written test.
- 4. General Class licensees would have all privileges currently available to all classes of Amateur licenses, except the ability to transmit in the current Extra Class CW sub-bands: 3500-3525 kHz, 7000-7025 kHz, 14000-14025 kHz and 21000-21025 kHz.
- Extra Class licensees would be able to transmit in the current Extra Class CW sub-bands The current exclusive Extra Class phone sub-bands would be eliminated
- All current holders of the Extra Class license would receive the above Extra Class privilege All other current amateur licensees would be granted the new General Class privileges
- 7. Implementation of these changes should have the following positive results:
 - A. There would be less paperwork for the FCC and the VECs only one written test for everyone, and one code test for those who wish to obtain the Extra Class privilege of exclusive CW sub-bands.
 - B. The Amateur licensing structure would be easier to understand.
 - C. The number of Amateur licensees should grow, especially with the elimination of the Morse code requirement that has historically deterred many from obtaining a license.

Respectfully submitted by petitioner,

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